



# March 2017 Newsletter

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## Dates to remember:

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### Upcoming Dates

Mothers Day Meal 22nd March  
Red Nose Day—Talent Show 24th March  
Parents Meetings—week beginning 3rd April  
Easter - Egg Decorating competition by 31st March

## Mothers Day Meal

If you have taken up the offer to attend our Mother's (female relative) Day Meal on Wednesday 22nd we look forward to seeing you. We can confirm that we have been able to accommodate you at your preferred time and ask that you are prompt but not too early as it will be difficult to find places for you to wait and keep the children safe over the lunchtime period.

## Parents Meetings

The termly meetings will take place in the children's classrooms at 2.40pm on the following days:

**Monday 3rd April FS2, Y2 & Y6**

**Tuesday 4th April Y1 & Y4**

**Wednesday 5th April Y3 & Y5**

You will receive a short report letting you know how your child is progressing and any support they are receiving to help them achieve their targets.

**Nursery Stay and Play** will be at 11.00 and 2.15 on Monday 3rd where you will be able to join in activities, look at the children's profiles and talk to the staff about how your child is doing. If you cannot make this day please feel free to make an individual appointment with the staff .

## Science Day

We have a Science Activity Day in school today, Friday 17th March to coincide with British Science Week. Watch out for the instructions for experiments you can do at home with the children!

## Dates to remember continued

### Egg decorating Competition

We will be inviting entries from children and families to enter our egg decorating competition to start our celebration of Easter and new life. Could we have entries in the week of 27th—31st March.

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## Health and Safety

### School Nurse Drop In

Our school Nurse will be starting up half termly drop in sessions in school again. The first one will take place on **Thursday 4th May at 9.00am**.

There will be an opportunity to discuss the types of concerns that you would like for further meetings as well as getting individual advice and sign posting for concerns you have with your individual children.

The first session will have a theme of sleep and how to ensure your child gets the best nights sleep.

We are hoping for a good response for this event so that it can be a regular opportunity for families to get welcome support and advice.

### Safe on line

A good way to think about the role you have in keeping your child safe is to compare it to them playing in the park.

If you wouldn't leave your child alone in the park why would you leave them alone on line.

Firstly you would take them to the park and supervise them. This is like having full control of what they are accessing on line and having them along side you.

Next you might take them to the park but having talked to them about dangers and risks you may supervise from a distance. This is like having them in the same room as you but with some independence having put parental controls on all devices they are using.

Finally you can trust them to go to the park with the limits and boundaries in place and an expectation of when they will be home. This is like allowing them on devices with parental controls and time restrictions.

If anyone needs any help or guidance of how to put parental controls on devices please ~~ask~~ Following the Appointment of our new Deputy Head, Mrs Elmes, we looked to see

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## Gardening Club

If anyone has any plants or seedlings the gardening club could use we would be delighted to receive them

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## Attendance

### February's attendance:

FS1	92.3%
FS 2	92.5%
Yr 1	95.1%
Yr 2	96.6% 😊
Yr 3	96.3% 😊
Yr 4	93.3%
Yr 5	93.5%
Yr 6	94.5%

### Top Table Winners:

03.02.17 Year 1 and Year 6

10.02.17 Year 2

17.02.17 Year 2 and Year 3

Overall school attendance for school aged children in February was: 95.2% and since September is: 95.1%. We need to improve this by 0.9% but it is looking good. 😊

**Congratulations to Year 2 and Year 3. Gong to Y4 and Y5 and FS1 & 2.**

## World Books Day

Thank you to everyone who helped make this an amazing day in school. The children showed great enthusiasm for the event and we can see that there are some very creative families helping their children and encouraging reading at home.

Our winners were:

Lily Jones, Amelia Potts, Dylan Barker Parr, Daniel Blakey, Chloe Maughan, Tom Mundell, Ellie Harris, Hannah and Olivia Smith, Thomas Stewart, Ethan and Mia Rose O'Brian.

## Out of school and Parenting activities

Staindrop Academy is holding an Easter Club for Y5 pupils during the holiday - information is available from the office.

## Fundraising

Following the fantastic fundraising by the school community we have been able to purchase play ground resources for the children, a new notice board to replace the broken one near the office when it arrives and a bike store.

## Citizens of the Week

Thank you to those children who have been nominated for being good citizens and remember anyone can be nominated for their contribution to the local area.

Congratulations to Matthew Blakey, Olivia Radley and Tyler Bell.



## Friday 24 March

**Children (and teachers) you are invited to join in our 'Chicken Pox' Red Nose Day fundraising event on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Come dressed in red and white (chicken pox) and if you are brave enough enter our Talent Show taking place in the morning at 9.05am in the school hall. The cost for dressing up and watching the event is £1.00

There will be a judging panel and the best 10 entries will perform again for families at 2.30pm in the school hall (adults will be charged £1.00 for entry to the event).

Nursery will also be holding opportunities for children to perform throughout the day and families are invited to come in early to see their acts before taking them home (11.00am and 2.15pm). If your child has a talent please let the Nursery know so they can encourage this!

**Please help us raise as much money as we can to support children in challenging circumstances in the UK and in Africa.**

"There are some incredible projects, in the UK and Africa, that have found effective ways to tackle poverty and injustice. Your money means we can choose the best and then fund them." -quote from the comic relief website where you can find details of the projects your money will fund.

### Class News

**Year 6** –We are looking forward to dissecting a heart in our human body workshop!

**Year 5** - We can't wait to go to find out more about the Iron Age on our trip to Durham.

**Year 4** - We are going to a food festival to find out about food waste and we will also be studying rivers of the World!

**Year 3** - Kilhope Mine here we come to research as part of our Science Topic.

**Year 2** – We are having an outdoor map making day and learning compass skills.

**Year 1**– We had a Friendship Day on the 16th March and soon we are going to Harwick Park to look at plants.

**Foundation 2** – In April we are going to Bowes Museum for a special art project.

**Foundation 1** – In case you haven't heard Freddie our Rabbit arrived!!

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